

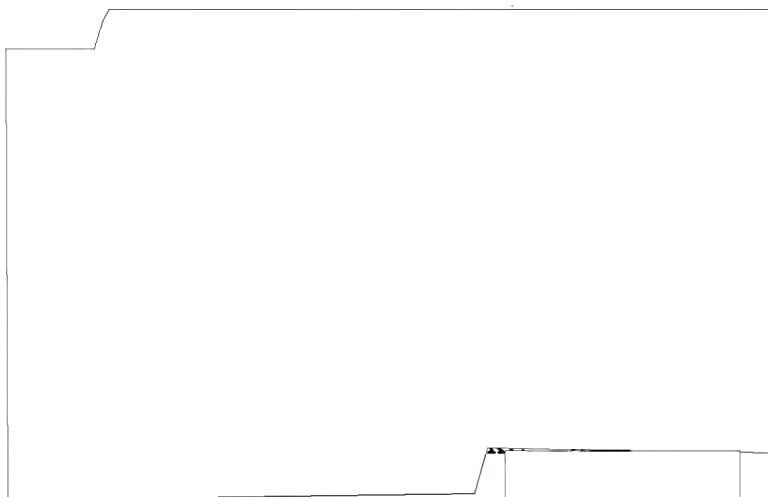
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Saudi Arabia -
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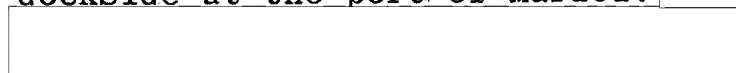


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2. Cuba

a. Late last month we reported that ten tactical missile (FROG) transporters were standing dockside at the port of Mariel. [redacted]

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[redacted] The transporters are now gone [redacted]

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b. The SIMFEROPOL, which we indicated yesterday is suspected of carrying arms, is definitely Cuba-bound.

c. [redacted]

[redacted] the concentration of the 12 Komar missile patrol boats in the waters of western Cuba is not a temporary move. The four Komars which have been redeployed from Banes in Oriente Province, where they had been stationed since mid-October, are [redacted] being returned to their "previous assignments." Their withdrawal leaves the northeastern sea approaches to the island protected by only one subchaser and one patrol boat. [redacted]

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3. Congo

a. U Thant is encouraged by the communique issued by Tshombé after his return to Elisabethville yesterday.

b. Correspondents who talked with Tshombé during the day quoted him as renewing his threat of destruction. However, the communique which emerged later was altogether different in tone. In it, Tshombé declares that he had returned to Elisabethville to restore "calm and peace," and "this essentially consists of the rapid application of the Thant plan without further bloodshed and without useless destruction."

c. U Thant has indicated that he has enough now to justify making contact with Tshombé. Before he was informed of Tshombé's statement, he had sent word to Bunche that a formula should be found which would permit the establishment of contact with Tshombé, on condition that Tshombé had first signaled his readiness to cooperate with the UN. He would show this by allowing the UN to enter Kolwezi peaceably.

d. We have not learned yet how Bunche has responded. Any action on his part will in any case have to await his return to Elisabethville from Leopoldville.

e. Adoula is contemplating an early visit to Elisabethville with the aim of establishing a "presence," not for a meeting with Tshombé.

f. The Union Minière seems, meanwhile, to be doubling back toward familiar positions. Company officials are viewing with alarm the danger of Katangan sabotage of mining installations. Stonewalling tactics on the part of the company representatives sent to Leopoldville to negotiate a payments agreement have brought the discussions to a virtual standstill.

g. Tribal warfare of serious proportions has erupted in Kasai province. Foreigners returning to Leopoldville from the province say that upwards of 500 inhabitants have been killed. Central government officials put the blame on members of the suspended parliament who have transferred their trouble-making to Kasai.

4. Sino-Soviet dispute

a. Moscow is sending its top operational expert in intra-bloc party affairs to North Vietnam. Another of the Soviet party's secretaries, with like credentials, is presently in Mongolia. With Khrushchev himself due at the East German party congress opening on 15 January, the battle lines in the Sino-Soviet controversy are being drawn tighter and tighter.

b. The Chinese, for their part, are giving the two major broadsides they directed against Moscow last month a massive propaganda replay. Nearly a quarter of the broadcasts in this campaign are beamed to the Soviet Union in Russian.

5. Brazil

a. Referendum returns are almost in. The vote for a return to a presidential system is gauged at about five to one.

b. Goulart has begun blocking out a new cabinet. His first choice for the foreign ministry is San Thiago Dantas, who is Brazil's foremost exponent of an "independent" foreign policy.

c. Ambassador Campos, home from his Washington post, tells Ambassador Gordon that he has been encouraged by the general tone he detected in a long discussion with Goulart.

d. However, Campos revealed that Goulart is nursing the notion that top officials in the US Embassy are working against him. Gordon, Goulart said, was personally sympathetic but was getting too much of his information from Goulart's enemies. He claimed to have a "damning dossier" on the US military attache.

e. Campos and Gordon agree that it would help if Gordon were to meet directly with Goulart to knock down these allegations.

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- B. Peru APRA party leader Haya de la Torre, who went to Europe after the military junta vetoed him as president, is making plans to return home in the midst of the current turbulence. Whether he resumes political activity immediately will depend on whether or not constitutional guarantees are still in suspense.
- C. Ghana There was another bomb explosion yesterday at a rally attended by Nkrumah in Accra. It went off just after Nkrumah had left the scene.
- D. Spain The US Embassy in Madrid sees what it thinks may be the first glimmer of a new Spanish effort to win admission to NATO.